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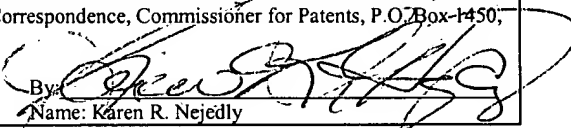
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby notified that the Applicant/Assignee in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,780,570 on August 24, 2004, qualifies for small entity status. Large entity status was erroneously indicated on the notice of allowance. Applicant/Assignee hereby requests that small entity status be reinstated.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this communication to the below-signed attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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